

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

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May 4, 2010 – 7:00 PM

Deputy Mayor Motola called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**B) ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Judy Hany, Marie Herbst, James Krupinski, Brian R. Motola, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler

**Absent:** Council Members Daniel Anderson, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer

**Entered During Meeting:**

**Also Present:** Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

**C) CITIZEN'S FORUM**

None

Citizen's forum closed at 7:03 PM

**D) PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:05 P.m.)**

None

**E) Presentations by the administration**

Mayor Jason L. McCoy to share various updates with the Town Council relative to a variety of subjects.

Mayor McCoy spoke about the following items:

- They received a grant for renovating the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- DPW secured High and McLean Street to take down buildings and put a lien on them
- The Kindergarden building is going before the planning and zoning commission on May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Roosevelt Mills groundbreaking took place last week
- Arrangements have been made to move the police radio tower to the roof of the Vernon Professional building for better coverage.
- The Parks & Rec Department league won league of the year
- The Mother's day race takes place on 5/9/2010
- Paula Clayton will begin interviews on June 4<sup>th</sup> for the rental rebate program
- Assessor placed 192 liens on properties
- The referendum vote takes place next Tuesday May 11, 2010
- Provided a list of General Fund expenses

Discussion took place regarding the motion for the Conservation Grant.

**F.) ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Council Member Herbst requested to pull consent agenda item #'s 6, 7 and 8 and Council Member Winkler requested to pull item #2 for discussion. Motion carried unanimously to approve the following consent agenda proposed motions #'s 1, 3, 4, 5, and 9 as written.

- C 1.) Request for Tax Refunds for Prior and Current Years.** (A copy of a memorandum from Terry Hjarne, Collector of Revenue, to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated April 26, 2010 is included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) REFUNDS TOTALING \$1639.36, FOR TAX REFUNDS FROM THE PRIOR YEARS, AND NINE (9) REFUNDS TOTALING \$3882.81 FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM TERRY HJARNE, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR DATED APRIL 26, 2010.

- C 3.) Request the Town Council authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy to execute, on behalf of the Town of Vernon, an application to the State Department of Education for a grant for School Readiness for \$107,000 for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.** (Please see memorandum from Alan Slobodien, Youth Services Director to John D. Ward, Town Administrator.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY FORMS TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIVE SCHOOL READINESS FUNDS FOR FY 2010-2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$107,000.

- C 4. Request the Town Council approve the Mayor's reappointment of Eric Thepsiri (U) 14 Robin Road, Vernon, Connecticut as an under 21 member of the Youth Services Advisory Board, said term to commence on May 21, 2010 and expires May 20, 2012.** (A copy of Mr. Thepsiri's resume is included in the Council's packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO CHARTER CHAPTER XV, SECT. 3; TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 08-24-1976 AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION DATED 03-01-1994, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF ERIC THEPSIRI (U) 14 ROBIN ROAD, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AS AN UNDER 21 MEMBER OF THE YOUTH SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, SAID TERM TO COMMENCE ON MAY 21, 2010 AND EXPIRES MAY 20, 2012.

- C 5. Request the Town Council authorize by resolution Mayor Jason L. McCoy and/or his designee to execute Community Investment Act Construction Grant No. 18155 in the amount of \$50,000 with the State of Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism for the historic preservation of Memorial Building, Second Floor.** (A copy of a memorandum dated April 30, 2010 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council is included for review.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION ONE:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY IS AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACT CONSTRUCTION GRANT NO. 18155 WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM, AND TO AFFIX THE TOWN SEAL

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TWO:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY RESOLVES THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON WILL SUPPORT THE NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENT AND WARRANTY UNDER PUBLIC ACT 07-142, SUBDIVISION (1) AND THAT THE TOWN OF VERNON HAS A POLICY IN PLACE THAT COMPLIES WITH THE NONDISCRIMINATION AGREEMENTS AND WARRANTIES OF CONN. GEN. STAT. SEC 4a-60(a) (1) AND 4a-60a (a) (1), AS AMENDED.

- C 9.** **Request the Town Council approve the LoCIP grant applications for road repair and Town Hall Annex roof repair.** (Please see attached memoranda dated April 30, 2010 from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer and Treasurer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator, draft of the LoCIP applications and a copy of the six-year Capital Improvement Program Recommended Programs)

**PROPOSED MOTION ONE**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOCIP) FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$ 141,000.00** TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT FOR **ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS** AND TO AMEND THE TOWN'S SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE THIS PROJECT.

**PROPOSED MOTION TWO**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LOCIP) FOR A GRANT FOR **\$26,690.00** TO BE EXPENDED FROM THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT FOR THE PROJECT: **TOWN HALL ANNEX-STRIP AND REPLACE ROOF.**

- G.) IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**  
None

- H.) PENDING BUSINESS**  
Council Member Winkler requested to bring forward the additional agenda item from the 4/21 discussion regarding the proposal to study low impact development in the Town of Vernon. Discussion took place.

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RECONVENE (7:57 PM)

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council member Herbst made the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A \$35,000 GRANT TO THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION'S LONG ISLAND SOUND FUTURES FUND FOR PREPARATION OF LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) REGULATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN VERNON'S LAND USE REGULATIONS, PREPARATION OF A LID DESIGN MANUAL, AND TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT.

Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst offered a friendly amendment to include \$4,000 from the downstream fund to those involved in the preparation of the grant.

Motion failed, Council Member Campbell abstained, Council Members Etre, Hany, Motola, Thomas, and Champagne opposed.

- I.) **NEW BUSINESS**  
None
- J.) **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**  
None
- K.) **ACTION ON ORDINANCE(S) PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED**  
None
- L.) **DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS, Pulled consent items from f) AND PULLED ITEMS FROM O) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, ETC**

**C 2.) Request the Town Council approve budget amendments #18 - 23 for fiscal year 2009-2010.** (Copies of the budget amendment requests are included in the Council packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTS #18-23, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORM PROVIDED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Winkler made the above motion to approve budget amendments #18-23 for FY 2009-2010. Discussion took place.

Mayor McCoy will provide Town Council Members with information once the police radio tower relocation has taken place. Motion carried unanimously.

**C 6. Request for authority to purchase 200 trash/recycling receptacles for the Parks and Recreation Department to be used in Vernon recreation areas, to be collected by Department of Public Works.** (A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council members dated 04-30-2010 and from James M. Luddecke, Finance Office and Treasurer to John D. Ward, dated April 30, 2010 are included for review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES \$ 11,400.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO HUNDRED (200) 96-GALLON TRASH RECEPTACLES COMPATIBLE WITH THE AUTOMATED SIDE LOADER COLLECTION EQUIPMENT, UNDER THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING BID# 3360 FROM THE CITY OF NEW BRITAIN; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE RESERVE FOR CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT, TRANSFERRING ELEVEN THOUSAND AND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$11,400) FROM THE CRRA PROCEEDS SETTLEMENT TO PARK TRASH / RECYCLING RECEPTACLES.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$11,400 to purchase 200 96-gallon trash receptacles. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 7.** **Request that the Town Council authorize the purchase of five (5) police cruisers for the Vernon Police Department.** (A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council members dated 04-16-2010 is included for review)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL MOVES TO: (1) AUTHORIZE THE LEASE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) NEW POLICE CRUISERS FOR A TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000); FINANCED THROUGH A CAPITAL LEASE WITH YEARLY PAYMENTS; FURTHER (2) AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TRANSFERRING UP TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000) TO THE REPLACEMENT CRUISERS; AND FURTHER (3) AUTHORIZE MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT. FURTHER, IF FINANCIALLY FAVORABLE, THE ADMINISTRATION IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW FROM TOWN FUNDS IN LIEU OF A CAPITAL LEASE PURCHASE.

8:18 PM Council Member Champagne left the table.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made the above motion to authorize the purchase of five police cruisers for the Vernon Police Department. Discussion took place. Council Member Herbst requested a friendly amendment to change the motion to purchase 3 vehicles. Discussion took place. The motion was amended to the following:

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$72,000 TO ACCOUNT 10230180-57610 FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3 NEW POLICE CRUISERS

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

8:42 PM Council Member Champagne returned

- C 8.** **Request the Town Council schedule a public hearing relative to the Vernon Community Arts Center's use of the Kindergarten Building, Route 30, and Vernon, Connecticut.** (See attached memorandum, dated April 30, 2010 from John D. Ward, Town Administrator).

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STATUTES. 7-163A, THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING A PROPOSED LEASING OF THE KINDERGARTEN BUILDING ON HARTFORD TURNPIKE TO THE VERNON COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER ON TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2010 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT AT 7:05 PM.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupienski made the above motion to schedule a public hearing regarding the Vernon Community Arts Center's use of the Kindergarten Building for Tuesday June 1, 2010, 7:05 PM. Discussion took place. Council Member Krupienski requested a friendly amendment to request Administration to post a sign conspicuously indicating a public hearing is being held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

8:49 PM Council Member Herbst left the table

**M.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS OF MARCH 22, 24, 25, 27, AND 31ST, 2010** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETINGS BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 24, 25, 27, and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 Special Budget Town Council meetings. Council Member Motola requested the first line in the March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting reflect he called the meeting to order. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2010** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2010 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING ON APRIL 8, 2010** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2010 Special Budget meeting. Council Member Krupinski requested the correct spelling of Edie Chernack under citizen's forum. Motion carried unanimously.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2010** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2010 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried, Council Member Etre abstained.

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2010** AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Krupinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2010 Special Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**N.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Campbell made the following motion to go into executive session:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200 (6) (D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CLAIM BY QUAIL HOLLOW AGAINST THE TOWN OF VERNON. THE TOWN COUNCIL INVITES JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, TERRY MCCARTHY, TOWN ENGINEER, AND TOWN ATTORNEY HAROLD CUMMINGS TO ATTEND.

Motion carried unanimously.

8:53 PM Council Member Herbst returned.

Council member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the following motion:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO RESOLVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN OF VERNON NEW OR IN THE FUTURE FOR UP TO \$16,840 BY QUAIL HOLLOW UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion carried unanimously.

**O.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS, Petitions, communications, correspondence, reports, etc. not requiring action**

1. Senior Center Activity Report- April 2010, as submitted by Penny Rand, Director, Senior Center.
2. Police Department Activity Report - March 2010, as submitted by Captain Stephen Clark.
3. Letter to Trudy Roberts announcing her as the recipient of the Rotary Club of Rockville's, President's Community Service Award Winner. Congratulations to Trudy Roberts from Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town of Vernon. (Proclamation to be presented after awards ceremony.)

**Adjourn (9:24 PM)**

Council Member Krupienski, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary